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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	118,244.0	119,470.0	115,851.0
Unemployment	8,015.0	7,955.0	7,984.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.7	6.9
Total Employment	110,229.0	111,515.0	107,867.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,220.0	118,182.0	115,790.0
Unemployment	8,329.0	8,027.0	8,271.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	6.8	7.1
Total Employment	109,891.0	110,155.0	107,519.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,167.0	8,128.7	8,100.0
Unemployment	743.3	740.0	584.6
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.1	7.2
Total Employment	7,423.7	7,388.7	7,515.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,130.0	8,068.0	8,067.0
Unemployment	730.0	740.0	574.0
Percent Unemployed	9.0	9.2	7.1
Total Employment	7,400.0	7,328.0	7,493.0

UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH

The Statewide actual unemployment rate remained at 9.1 percent between August and September, as the number of jobless increased by 3,300 to 743,300 in mid-September. There were almost 160,000 more jobless in Texas in September 1986 than there were in September 1985, when the actual rate was 7.2 percent. Total employment in the actual series increased by 35,000 in September, to 7,423,700, but was still over 91,000 below its year-ago level.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate slid from 9.2 percent in August to 9.0 percent in September -- still about 2 percentage points above the September 1985 rate. Unemployment decreased by 10,000 in the seasonally adjusted series, while employment rose by 72,000 over the month. Texas unemployment rates continue to be considerably above National levels, as the U. S. actual rate in September was 6.8 percent and the seasonally adjusted rate was 7.0 percent.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CLIMBS SEASONALLY

The count of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas rose slightly in September, due to the staffing of schools for the fall semester. This expansion, primarily in the government sector, pushed the total up by 22,200 over the month. Between September 1985 and September 1986, however, the State has lost some 44,700 jobs. Declines are

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,600	51,500	53,900	80,900	80,400	82,100	366,800	359,100	363,600
Manufacturing	4,900	5,000	5,400	9,900	10,100	10,300	40,600	40,700	42,000
Mining	3,300	3,300	4,000	1,300	1,400	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,900	4,100	4,700	25,200	25,500	28,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	6,000	6,000	6,300	11,700	11,700	10,800
Trade	14,400	14,400	14,400	24,700	24,700	24,300	82,600	82,500	81,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,400	25,600	25,700	25,000
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,000	13,400	16,500	16,600	16,200	85,700	85,300	82,500
Government	8,000	7,400	8,100	14,200	13,100	14,100	94,300	86,600	93,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,600	127,200	135,900	57,100	56,100	58,600	65,600	65,600	65,200
Manufacturing	25,000	25,200	26,900	15,200	15,400	16,500	9,400	9,500	9,800
Mining	1,200	1,200	2,400	1,300	1,300	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,500	9,900	5,700	5,600	6,000	3,100	3,200	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,100	2,000	2,000	2,200	3,400	3,600	3,400
Trade	31,800	31,900	33,000	11,300	11,300	11,400	18,400	18,600	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,000	27,100	27,700	8,500	8,300	8,100	12,800	13,800	12,400
Government	20,100	18,400	20,200	10,800	9,900	10,200	14,900	13,200	14,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,300	46,600	48,300	135,100	133,600	137,200	1,345.4	1,345.4	1,321.1
Manufacturing	3,100	3,200	3,800	12,200	12,300	13,100	234.0	235.5	233.1
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,100	6,100	7,900	20.7	21.6	23.9
Construction	2,400	2,500	2,500	11,800	12,000	11,300	77.1	79.7	87.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,600	7,600	7,700	85.9	86.4	84.5
Trade	11,200	11,200	11,200	34,400	34,200	34,700	357.9	359.5	350.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	2,100	6,900	6,900	7,000	133.0	134.2	127.5
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,500	7,400	28,200	27,700	27,900	293.6	294.5	279.0
Government	20,000	17,800	18,400	27,900	26,800	27,600	143.2	134.0	135.5
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,300	176,300	180,400	510,100	510,000	510,600	72,300	71,700	72,600
Manufacturing	34,700	34,600	38,200	115,300	115,400	115,200	9,600	9,700	10,000
Mining	300	300	400	3,400	3,500	4,400	400	400	800
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,600	33,500	34,100	34,500	2,700	2,800	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,100	9,200	9,700	28,000	28,100	26,700	5,800	5,600	5,600
Trade	46,000	46,100	44,700	136,500	137,900	138,100	14,000	14,500	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,400	9,500	9,100	28,000	28,400	28,200	4,700	4,700	4,600
Services & Misc.	34,000	34,100	33,400	106,200	106,500	102,900	13,400	13,600	13,000
Government	35,300	33,000	35,300	59,200	56,100	60,600	21,700	20,400	21,100

no longer confined to oil and gas-related industries, but have spread through many sectors of the State's economy. In fact, the only significant growth recorded in September was generated by the gains in private and public education.

Government added 46,600 jobs in September, primarily in the local sector, as schools and colleges added workers for the fall semester. The opening of state universities and other schools was responsible for the sizeable growth in state government. Expansion in educational services generated enough jobs to overcome other declines within services, pushing the total for this segment up by 3,100 over the month.

Almost 9,000 construction jobs were deleted in September, as both general and special trades contractors registered large decreases. Construction is not likely to accelerate until the current glut of finished projects has been somewhat depleted.

Oil and gas extraction declined again in September, with an additional 5,000 jobs lost. Mining is currently 62,800 (or 25 percent) below its year-ago level; and while cutbacks have slowed, they show no immediate signs of stopping. Finance, insurance and real estate employment dropped sharply over the month, as 4,500 jobs were deleted. Much of this loss occurred in other finance, insurance and real estate, where several real estate firms filed for bankruptcy due to the slump in real estate sales. Some banks were also closed, following over-extension on loans.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sep.'86*	Aug.'86**	Sep.'85**
HOUSTON 2/			
TOTAL	1,465.1	1,460.8	1,494.0
Manufacturing	158.4	159.1	173.3
Mining	78.3	79.4	91.5
Construction	98.1	98.6	108.2
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.9	97.4	101.7
Trade	370.9	370.8	380.4
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.0	115.5	111.3
Services & Misc.	357.0	357.7	346.6
Government	190.5	182.3	181.0
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	67,400	66,600	69,000
Manufacturing	15,500	15,500	16,300
Mining	4,100	4,200	4,500
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,600
Trade	17,900	17,600	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,800
Government	8,000	7,500	7,900
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	46,000	45,900	49,300
Manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,800
Mining	9,000	9,100	11,300
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,400
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	9,000
Government	6,300	5,800	6,100
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	484,100	480,700	483,500
Manufacturing	48,600	48,500	50,400
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,400
Construction	34,400	35,400	36,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,200	18,400	19,300
Trade	126,200	126,800	126,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	37,300	36,400
Services & Misc.	110,500	110,300	107,700
Government	106,600	101,300	103,200
TYLER			
TOTAL	63,600	63,200	63,400
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,900
Mining	2,100	2,200	2,800
Construction	2,700	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,100
Trade	18,400	18,300	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	4,000
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,100
Government	8,800	8,300	8,300
WICHITA FALLS			
TOTAL	51,600	50,900	52,500
Manufacturing	8,400	8,500	8,600
Mining	2,500	2,500	3,000
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	12,900	12,900	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	10,000	9,900	9,900
Government	10,500	9,800	10,600
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	68,300	68,400	67,200
Manufacturing	8,800	9,000	8,700
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,900	3,900	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,900
Trade	16,500	16,600	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,400	12,500
Government	19,700	19,500	19,200
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	92,000	90,000	92,600
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,800
Mining	400	400	500
Construction	4,300	4,400	4,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,500	4,600
Trade	27,800	27,100	27,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,200	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	20,400	20,300	20,100
Government	22,200	20,600	21,900
ODESSA			
TOTAL	46,100	45,800	52,400
Manufacturing	4,200	4,300	5,100
Mining	6,700	6,800	9,000
Construction	2,400	2,300	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,600
Trade	13,300	13,200	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,000	7,900	8,200
Government	7,400	7,100	7,400
SHERMAN-DENISON			
TOTAL	37,600	37,300	37,100
Manufacturing	11,100	11,400	11,700
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,900	1,800	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,600	8,400	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,200	7,100
Government	5,100	4,800	4,900
VICTORIA			
TOTAL	27,600	27,800	30,100
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,200
Mining	2,100	2,300	3,200
Construction	1,800	1,800	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trade	7,700	7,900	8,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,600	5,500	5,400
Government	4,200	4,100	4,200
LAREDO			
TOTAL	35,700	35,500	35,200
Manufacturing	2,000	2,000	1,800
Mining	1,500	1,600	2,000
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,700	3,800
Trade	10,800	10,600	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	6,200	6,200	5,800
Government	8,700	8,400	8,100
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	85,100	82,200	82,500
Manufacturing	11,800	11,700	11,000
Mining	1,400	1,300	1,600
Construction	4,400	4,700	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	25,400	25,200	24,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,900	3,900	4,000
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,400	12,900
Government	22,100	19,400	21,100
SAN ANGELO			
TOTAL	36,800	36,000	37,800
Manufacturing	5,900	5,700	5,600
Mining	600	600	900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,200
Trade	9,500	9,500	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,300	7,600
Government	6,600	6,100	6,600
TEXARKANA			
TOTAL	46,100	45,500	45,900
Manufacturing	7,300	7,200	7,800
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,900	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	11,500	11,500	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,000	8,700
Government	12,400	11,800	12,600
WACO			
TOTAL	78,300	76,700	79,200
Manufacturing	14,900	15,600	16,700
Mining	200	200	200
Construction	4,600	4,700	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	19,400	19,000	19,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	18,900	18,000	18,500
Government	12,000	10,800	11,700

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Sep. 1986*	Aug. 1986**	Sep. 1985**	Change From Aug. 1986	Change From Sep. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,666,300	6,644,100	6,711,000	22,200	-44,700
Manufacturing	964,100	968,900	1,001,200	-4,800	-37,100
Durable Goods	562,300	563,400	591,700	-1,100	-29,400
Lumber & Wood Products	40,900	41,400	42,100	-500	-1,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,900	7,700	7,700	200	200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,300	18,200	300	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,400	47,600	50,100	-200	-2,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,500	22,500	24,100	0	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	29,300	29,500	33,800	-200	-4,500
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,500	76,900	83,800	-400	-7,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,100	40,100	43,600	0	-3,500
Machinery, Except Electrical	114,600	115,200	133,500	-600	-18,900
Oil Field Machinery	25,900	26,300	39,300	-400	-13,400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,700	117,900	113,900	-200	3,800
Transportation Equipment	84,000	83,200	80,200	800	3,800
Aircraft & Parts	48,500	48,000	42,000	500	6,500
Instruments & Related Products	22,100	22,300	23,500	-200	-1,400
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,100	12,600	100	-400
Nondurable Goods	401,800	405,500	409,500	-3,700	-7,700
Food & Kindred Products	100,700	100,200	97,800	500	2,900
Meat Products	27,500	27,600	26,800	-100	700
Dairy Products	5,300	5,400	5,400	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,900	10,800	10,900	100	0
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	4,000	4,800	-100	-900
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,000	55,200	57,500	-1,200	-3,500
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,000	23,100	100	0
Printing & Publishing	76,000	76,100	74,400	-100	1,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,200	38,400	36,700	-200	1,500
Chemicals & Allied Products	71,900	75,000	77,200	-3,100	-5,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,300	31,500	32,600	-200	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	28,400	28,600	29,600	-200	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,900	7,900	0	-1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	34,000	33,600	34,200	400	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,702,200	5,675,200	5,709,800	27,000	-7,600
Mining	192,300	197,500	255,100	-5,200	-62,800
Oil & Gas Extraction	184,700	189,700	246,700	-5,000	-62,000
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,600	7,800	8,400	-200	-800
Construction	422,400	431,300	453,700	-8,900	-31,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	375,900	375,900	385,900	0	-10,000
Railroad Transportation	21,900	22,000	23,500	-100	-1,600
Transportation, Except Railroads	189,200	188,500	191,200	700	-2,000
Transportation by Air	51,900	51,600	48,700	300	3,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,400	87,500	90,200	-100	-2,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,400	77,900	81,000	-500	-3,600
Electric Services	45,400	45,700	45,700	-300	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	24,500	24,700	28,600	-200	-4,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,719,000	1,723,100	1,716,800	-4,100	2,200
Wholesale Trade	433,600	434,600	446,300	-1,000	-12,700
Retail Trade	1,285,400	1,288,500	1,270,500	-3,100	14,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	48,200	49,400	54,400	-1,200	-6,200
General Merchandise Stores	166,100	164,800	160,500	1,300	5,600
Food Stores	238,900	237,300	228,300	1,600	10,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,300	147,100	147,000	200	300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,500	81,100	83,700	-600	-3,200
Other Retail Trade	604,400	608,800	596,600	-4,400	7,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	453,400	457,900	444,000	-4,500	9,400
Banking	103,400	104,500	107,500	-1,100	-4,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	143,200	143,600	134,800	-400	8,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,800	209,800	201,700	-3,000	5,100
Services	1,389,100	1,386,000	1,352,900	3,100	36,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	89,000	90,200	85,900	-1,200	3,100
Personal Services	83,600	83,800	79,500	-200	4,100
Business & Repair Services	383,300	382,800	376,000	500	7,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	57,100	57,300	53,800	-200	3,300
Health Services	362,000	363,800	349,100	-1,800	12,900
Educational Services	70,200	60,800	71,300	9,400	-1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	343,900	347,300	337,300	-3,400	6,600
Total Government	1,150,100	1,103,500	1,101,400	46,600	48,700
Total Federal Government	190,600	191,300	185,700	-700	4,900
Total State Government	241,800	231,300	232,900	10,500	8,900
Total Local Government	717,700	680,900	682,800	36,800	34,900

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	55,800	56,000	101,000	100,500	102,700	422,500	414,100	416,800
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,400	3,100	6,700	6,600	6,000	24,400	23,900	19,400
Percent Unemployed	9.5	9.7	5.5	6.6	6.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	4.7
Total Employment 2/	51,400	50,400	52,900	94,300	93,900	96,700	398,100	390,200	397,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,200	158,600	169,300	79,400	78,800	79,500	94,800	93,900	91,400
Total Unemployment	22,500	23,700	23,400	9,000	9,200	7,100	15,400	14,100	12,900
Percent Unemployed	14.1	14.9	13.8	11.3	11.7	8.9	16.2	15.0	14.1
Total Employment 2/	136,700	134,900	145,900	70,400	69,600	72,400	79,400	79,800	78,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	55,100	56,500	166,600	166,600	167,400	1,389.1	1,388.3	1,371.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,800	2,900	20,200	20,100	15,900	81.5	80.2	69.7
Percent Unemployed	6.4	6.9	5.1	12.1	12.1	9.5	5.9	5.8	5.1
Total Employment 2/	52,500	51,300	53,600	146,400	146,500	151,500	1,307.6	1,308.1	1,301.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	221,000	212,600	216,800	637,900	638,200	639,600	106,500	105,900	107,500
Total Unemployment	29,800	24,600	22,800	42,200	42,600	36,000	12,000	12,000	11,200
Percent Unemployed	13.5	11.6	10.5	6.6	6.7	5.6	11.3	11.3	10.4
Total Employment 2/	191,200	188,000	194,000	595,700	595,600	603,600	94,500	93,900	96,300
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,659.3	1,657.2	1,656.9	88,000	87,800	86,700	44,100	44,100	42,500
Total Unemployment	174.3	175.9	132.5	7,200	6,900	6,700	7,000	7,100	5,300
Percent Unemployed	10.5	10.6	8.0	8.2	7.9	7.7	15.9	16.1	12.5
Total Employment 2/	1,485.0	1,481.3	1,524.4	80,800	80,900	80,000	37,100	37,000	37,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,200	81,100	81,600	108,900	106,700	109,900	136,200	132,200	133,500
Total Unemployment	10,000	10,500	8,000	7,100	7,100	6,400	27,100	26,300	25,600
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.9	9.8	6.5	6.7	5.8	19.9	19.9	19.2
Total Employment 2/	71,200	70,600	73,600	101,800	99,600	103,500	109,100	105,900	107,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,000	53,100	53,100	60,100	60,100	61,400	44,600	43,900	44,800
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,500	3,000	10,500	10,600	4,100	3,300	3,200	2,400
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.2	5.6	17.5	17.6	6.7	7.4	7.3	5.4
Total Employment 2/	46,500	46,600	50,100	49,600	49,500	57,300	41,300	40,700	42,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	556,700	553,400	557,700	46,900	46,800	46,600	56,500	56,400	57,600
Total Unemployment	42,200	41,200	36,300	3,800	3,800	3,500	4,700	4,900	5,000
Percent Unemployed	7.6	7.4	6.5	8.1	8.1	7.5	8.3	8.7	8.7
Total Employment 2/	514,500	512,200	521,400	43,100	43,000	43,100	51,800	51,500	52,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,500	77,200	75,700	37,000	37,400	38,800	89,700	88,400	89,200
Total Unemployment	7,300	7,200	5,500	4,000	4,100	2,700	7,000	7,100	5,000
Percent Unemployed	9.4	9.3	7.3	10.8	11.0	7.0	7.8	8.0	5.6
Total Employment 2/	70,200	70,000	70,200	33,000	33,300	36,100	82,700	81,300	84,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,900	56,300	56,800				8,167.0	8,128.7	8,100.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,800	3,200				743.3	740.0	584.6
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.5	5.6				9.1	9.1	7.2
Total Employment 2/	52,100	51,500	53,600				7,423.7	7,388.7	7,515.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep.± 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Sep.± 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Sep.± 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 397.52	$ 399.90	$ 392.18	41.8	41.7	41.5	$ 9.51	$ 9.59	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	389.99	391.15	390.83	41.8	41.7	41.8	9.33	9.38	9.35
Lumber & Wood Products	273.38	272.83	269.20	40.5	40.6	40.0	6.75	6.72	6.73
Furniture & Fixtures	267.49	272.41	248.03	41.6	41.4	40.2	6.43	6.58	6.17
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	373.15	392.91	385.79	43.9	44.7	44.6	8.50	8.79	8.65
Primary Metal Industries	421.25	422.99	427.61	40.7	40.4	41.8	10.35	10.47	10.23
Fabricated Metal Products	367.69	364.91	369.41	40.9	40.5	41.6	8.99	9.01	8.88
Machinery, exc. Electric	398.65	392.90	406.14	41.7	40.8	42.0	9.56	9.63	9.67
Oil Field Machinery	440.19	442.66	490.45	40.2	39.7	42.5	10.95	11.15	11.54
Electric & Electronic Equip.	431.70	427.49	412.82	42.7	42.2	41.2	10.11	10.13	10.02
Transportation Equipment	518.13	530.18	535.03	42.4	43.6	42.7	12.22	12.16	12.53
Instruments & Related Prod.	343.80	346.72	339.08	40.4	40.6	41.2	8.51	8.54	8.23
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	286.27	261.87	256.86	42.6	40.6	38.8	6.72	6.45	6.62
Nondurable Goods	407.55	409.76	393.19	41.8	41.6	41.0	9.75	9.85	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	350.49	353.89	339.95	42.9	43.0	42.6	8.17	8.23	7.98
Meat Products	280.87	281.40	294.44	42.3	42.0	43.3	6.64	6.70	6.80
Malt Beverages	820.34	892.21	766.68	47.2	51.1	45.5	17.38	17.46	16.85
Textile Mill Products	314.80	308.96	281.79	44.4	43.7	41.5	7.09	7.07	6.79
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	192.65	194.40	192.03	37.7	37.1	37.0	5.11	5.24	5.19
Paper & Allied Products	461.91	445.73	449.83	44.5	42.9	42.8	10.38	10.39	10.51
Printing & Publishing	387.03	384.07	373.72	39.9	39.8	39.8	9.70	9.65	9.39
Chemicals & Allied Products	631.58	628.73	620.26	43.2	42.8	42.6	14.62	14.69	14.56
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.52	678.37	648.20	43.3	44.6	43.3	15.37	15.21	14.97
Petroleum Refining	692.80	706.26	675.81	43.3	44.7	43.1	16.00	15.80	15.68
Leather & Leather Products	221.48	214.23	229.12	39.2	37.0	38.9	5.65	5.79	5.89
Other Nondurable Goods	382.79	393.68	372.19	43.4	43.5	41.4	8.82	9.05	8.99
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	530.52	538.32	480.05	43.7	44.6	42.9	12.14	12.07	11.19
Oil & Gas Extraction	535.24	543.11	483.05	43.8	44.7	42.9	12.22	12.15	11.26
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	440.54	441.42	424.51	41.6	42.0	43.9	10.59	10.51	9.67
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	484.76	481.92	482.80	40.6	40.6	40.1	11.94	11.87	12.04
Elec., Gas & San. Services	448.11	448.39	461.84	40.7	40.8	40.3	11.01	10.99	11.46
Wholesale & Retail Trade	227.39	228.29	229.31	32.3	32.8	32.9	7.04	6.96	6.97
Wholesale Trade	383.27	378.50	379.45	39.8	39.8	39.9	9.63	9.51	9.51
Retail Trade	180.90	182.67	180.85	30.1	30.7	30.6	6.01	5.95	5.91
General Merchandise Stores	188.86	186.64	177.30	29.1	29.3	29.5	6.49	6.37	6.01
Banking	274.81	274.74	281.46	37.8	38.0	39.2	7.27	7.23	7.18

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 399.11	$ 401.20	$ 389.16	42.1	42.5	42.3	$ 9.48	$ 9.44	$ 9.20
Durable Goods	425.29	421.74	406.69	42.7	42.6	42.1	9.96	9.90	9.66
Nondurable Goods	353.87	366.34	357.40	41.1	42.4	42.7	8.61	8.64	8.37
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	403.10	401.02	395.62	41.6	41.6	41.6	9.69	9.64	9.51
Durable Goods	426.54	423.78	412.30	41.9	42.0	41.9	10.18	10.09	9.84
Nondurable Goods	341.04	343.88	354.19	40.6	40.6	40.9	8.40	8.47	8.66
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	481.60	484.92	477.91	43.0	42.8	42.9	11.20	11.33	11.14
Durable Goods	401.94	408.79	426.51	42.0	42.1	43.3	9.57	9.71	9.85
Nondurable Goods	575.04	572.90	549.90	44.2	43.5	42.3	13.01	13.17	13.00
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	294.59	296.87	299.96	40.3	40.5	40.7	7.31	7.33	7.37
Durable Goods	316.20	317.34	317.41	40.8	41.0	41.6	7.75	7.74	7.63
Nondurable Goods	274.11	276.00	283.69	39.9	40.0	39.9	6.87	6.90	7.11

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Both portions of trade suffered job losses in September, leaving it 4,100 below the August level. The wholesale sector contracted in response to slackened demand for oil well equipment and the retail sector declined due to sizeable seasonal downturns in eating and drinking places (other retail trade) and in building materials and garden supplies. Moderate increases in food stores and general merchandise stores were insufficient to overcome the larger drops. Within transportation and public utilities, small gains and losses were interspersed, leaving the sector as a whole unchanged over the month.

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Texas manufacturers continued cutbacks this month, as an additional 4,800 jobs were deleted, bringing the over-the-year decline to 37,100. The nondurable goods sector was responsible for the majority of the losses, with two substantial decreases. The largest of these was in chemicals and allied products, where workers employed in the manufacture of fertilizer were laid off. Apparel and other textile products was hurt, as two plants which were making men's and boys' apparel were closed permanently. Most of the other over-the-month changes in nondurable goods were minor.

Losses were moderate but numerous within durable goods in September, as several industries recorded losses. Continued cutbacks in oil field machinery produced further declines in nonelectrical machinery, leaving it 18,900 below the September 1985 level. Employment in fabricated metal industries also dropped over the month. There was less demand for lumber and wood products due to the slowdown in construction activity. The only notable increase in durable goods in September occurred in transportation equipment, where hiring by defense contractors in aircraft and parts continued.

HOURLY EARNINGS DECLINE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas decreased by 1,200 over the month, totaling 625,500 in mid-September. Average weekly hours for these workers edged upward by 0.1 hour, but average hourly earnings declined by 8¢ over the month, producing a loss of $2.38 in average weekly earnings. Although average hourly earnings declined in both durable and nondurable goods, the nondurable sector was responsible for most of the decrease.

Over-the-year changes in both average hours worked and average hourly earnings were relatively small, as weekly hours rose 0.3 hour and hourly earnings increased by 6¢, pushing average weekly earnings up by $5.34.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sep. 1986	Sep. 1985
Total Population	16,814,500	16,433,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	313,857	312,093
Total Claims Actions	855,606	427,497
Total Initial Claims Actions	89,075	59,936
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	766,531	367,561
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$159.20	$144.08
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$113,890,360	$48,483,535
Total Placements	28,184	37,751

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